

FROM learning the alphabet on sand in a Telugu-medium school to becoming one of the pioneers of artificial intelligence, Dr Raj Reddy, in an exclusive interview with **TNIE's Kalyan Tholeti**, reflects on his journey, the early days of AI and outlines a future where every student could have an AI companion and education shifts from rote learning to "learning to learn."

**Q You learnt to write the alphabet on sand and studied in Telugu medium till high school. Could you tell us when you were attracted to mathematics and how you managed the transition from Telugu medium to English when you went to Loyola College after high school?**

I somehow naturally got attracted to mathematics, in particular geometry, theorems, and so on. When I solved a theorem or proved something, it gave me pleasure that I was able to solve it. More importantly, I was naturally curious. Whatever, any book or paper I could get my hands on, I would read it even though I didn't understand all

of it. And so, by the time I graduated from Kalahasti High School, I was well-trained, I think, but in Telugu medium. Therefore, when I went to Loyola College, where it was all English medium, especially spoken by foreign lecturers, they would have their own accent. I didn't understand what they were saying. But the thing that saved me was they were teaching the syllabus in a textbook. And I could actually go read the textbook.

**Q You studied civil engineering at the College of Engineering, Guindy and from there went to Australia for your master's in it. How did you get into computers?**

I worked with Stan Hall. He had come back from a sabbatical from England where he was using computers. And as luck would have it, the university, at the same time, bought what is called an English-manufactured computer. English Electric Mark Deuce II. Deuce came from Ace. Ace was the original design that Turing did. The first day I saw him, he said, "I'm going to the computer centre. Come with me." He was writing a program to do structural analysis. I

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stood most of what he was doing. So he said, "Why don't you go and do this work and then bring back the result tomorrow?" I became his programmer for the year.

**Q Was that the first time you saw a computer?**

When I went on the first day, that was the first time I saw what you would call an electronic digital computer today. But it was the size of a large room. Semiconductors were just coming in. The first semiconductor computer that came out was from IBM. By that time, I finished my degree and went looking for a job. IBM hired me.

**Q What was the reaction of your parents?**

My parents were from a village. My

father never went past school. My mother probably never went to school. But they were literate. They could read and write. In fact, I learned a lot from them. But they were kind of surprised even from earlier. When I was in Guindy Engineering College, I joined the air wing of the NCC. And there, you have to learn to fly planes. I was flying planes in 1956 and 57. Once I was on a solo flying mission. I detoured from my flight path to go visit my village. And then go from there to Tirupati, did Pradakshinam around the temple. My parents were amazed. I'm sure, at that time. But when I went back to see them, they didn't say a thing. They behaved as though they expected it from me.

**Q What made you choose a PhD at Stanford because most of us look for a job?**

I was reading papers about AI when I was working at IBM. And there were three places that were doing research in AI. One of them was Stanford. The other was MIT. And the third was Carnegie Mellon. MIT had Marvin Minsky. Carnegie Mellon had Newell and Simon. And Stanford had John McCarthy. I had to pick one.

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**BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell, 2nd Floor, 9th Main Road, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560011

No.: EE/TE&M Cell/BSCC/TEND/05/2025-26 Date: 24.02.2026

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell, Bengaluru South City Corporation

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**BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC), Zone-2, Room No. 315, 3rd Floor, Mini Vidhana Soudha, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064.

No: EE/QA/QC/Z-2/BNCC/TEND/07/2025-26 Date: 24-02-2026

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| Sl. No. | Name of the Work   |
|---------|--|
| 1       | Providing PMC Services including Supervision and Quality Control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at BB Road from Kempegowda Statue to Kogilu Circle in Ward No. 01 of Yelahanka Sub Division. Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 150.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 3,750/-                             |
| 2       | Providing PMC Services including Supervision and Quality Control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at Vishweshwaraiah Park Surrounding Area Main and Cross Roads in 'B' Sector Ward No. 04 of Yelahanka Sub Division. Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 150.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 3,750/-       |
| 3       | Providing PMC Services including Supervision and Quality Control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at Basaveshwara Park Surrounding Area Main and Cross Roads in 'A' Sector Ward No. 04 of Yelahanka New Town Sub Division. Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 150.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 3,750/- |
| 4       | Providing PMC Services including Supervision and Quality Control for Development of Parks and Play Ground and Gym and Playing Equipments in Ward No. 02, 03, 04 of Yelahanka Sub Division. Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 200.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 4,625/-                                     |

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 26-02-2026 at 4.00 PM. 2) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 02-03-2026 at 11.30 AM in the Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC), Zone-2, Room No. 315, 3rd Floor, Mini Vidhana Soudha, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064. 3) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: 05-03-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 4) Date of Opening of Technical Bid: 06-03-2026 at 4.30 PM. Further details can be had from the above office. Sd/- Executive Engineer (QA/QC) Zone-2, BNCC.

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